



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION

**Baton Twirling Week**

**WHEREAS**, the baton twirling movement has affected the lives of American girls and boys, and now has nearly one-half million active participants; and

**WHEREAS**, baton twirling has been instrumental in building the confidence and character of these young people, and has provided guidance and training so that they might become better qualified citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, the art of baton twirling is today one of the largest nationwide beneficial youth movements for girls; and

**WHEREAS**, baton twirling plays an important part in children's hospitals as a unique and effective method of physical therapy; and

**WHEREAS**, baton twirlers lend so much color and inspiration to our communities; and

**WHEREAS**, champion twirlers from all over the United States will gather at the University of Notre Dame July 16-20, 2012 to conduct a colorful youth pageant called "America's Youth on Parade"; and

**WHEREAS**, the grand national baton twirling championships will be conducted as part of the big Notre Dame festival; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lincoln D. Chafee**, Governor of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, do hereby proclaim the week of July 16-20, 2012 as Baton Twirling Week in the State of Rhode Island and call on all citizens to join me in recognizing the importance of this week.



A. Ralph Mollis  
Secretary of State

Given under my hand and the great  
seal of the State of Rhode Island  
and Providence Plantations,  
this 2<sup>ND</sup> day of July, 2012

  
Lincoln D. Chafee  
Governor